



THE FUNCTION OF THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

TO TAKE AVAILABLE
TECHNICAL, FINANCIAL, AND
EDUCATION RESOURCES,
WHATEVER THEIR SOURCE,
AND FOCUS OR COORDINATE
THEM SO THAT THEY MEET
THE NEEDS OF THE
LOCAL LAND USER FOR
CONSERVATION OF SOIL,
WATER, AND RELATED
RESOURCES.

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Conservation District Official: Villain or
Victim?"

CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFICIALS JOB DESCRIPTION

Description:

Conservation district officials serve on a multi-member board that establishes and implements programs to protect and conserve soil, water, prime and unique farmland, rangeland, woodland, wildlife, energy and other renewable resources on local, non-federal lands.

Duties:

- Identify local conservation needs, and develop, implement, and evaluate programs to meet them.
- Educate and inform landowners and operators, general public, and local, state and federal legislators on conservation issues and programs.
- Supervise other volunteers and paid staff working with the district; coordinate with cooperating agency personnel.
- Administer the district by delegating tasks through a structure of board officers and members, committees, and others; raise and budget district funds and report on activities to the public.
- Coordinate assistance and funding from federal, state and local governments; district associations; and private groups.

Qualifications:

- Interest and background in conserving renewable natural resources.
- Communication skills.

Relationships:

- Other district officials.
- State conservation agency.

Benefits:

- Satisfaction in seeing conservation practices applied.
- Interaction with others interested in natural resource conservation.
- Input into local, state and federal conservation programs.
- Training through the state conservation agency.

Time Required:

Attend 12 regularly scheduled board meetings, as well as committee and special meetings, and events for an average of approximately 30 days/year.